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| | | he Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the | e following items and other information: |
| 1. | This is a FIRST submis | ssion of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. §371. | |
| 2. 🗆 | This is a SECOND or S | SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under | 35 U.S.C. §371. |
| 3. 🗆 | This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. §371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. §371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1). | | |
| 4. | A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date. | | |
| 5. | A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(2)) | | |
| | a. \square is transmitted | herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International | Bureau). |
| | b. has been trans | smitted by the International Bureau. | |
| | c. \square is not required | d, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving O | Office (RO/US). |
| | A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(2)). | | |
| Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(3)) | | | U.S.C. §371(c)(3)) |
| | a. \square are transmitted | d herewith (required only if not transmitted by the Internationa | al Bureau). |
| | b. have been tran | nsmitted by the International Bureau. | |
| | c. have not been | made; however, the time limit for making such amendments h | as NOT expired. |
| | d. have not been made and will not be made. | | |
| . 🗆 | A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(3)). | | |
| | An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(4)). | | |
| 10. 🗆 | A translation of the anne | exes to the International Preliminary Examination Report unde | er PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(5)). |
| Items 11 | . to 16. below concern d | ocument(s) or information included: | |
| 11. 🗆 | An Information Disclose | ure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98. | |
| 12. 🗆 | An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§3.28 and 3.31 is included. | | |
| 3. | A FIRST preliminary amendment. | | |
| | A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment. | | |
| 4. 🗆 | A substitute specification. | | |
| 15. 🗆 | A change of power of at | torney and/or address letter. | |
| | Other items or information: | | |

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